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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY, ADMITS TO CROSSING MEXICAN BORDER ON FOOT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally re-entering the United States.

Hector Luis Perez-Miramontes, 42, of Mexico, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported from the country.

By pleading guilty, **Perez-Miramontes** admitted that he was found in the United States on March 4, 2004, in Springfield, Mo., after having been deported from the United States at El Paso, Texas, on Jan. 17, 2002. He was deported following a conviction for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Perez-Miramontes admitted that he re-entered the United States on Dec. 12, 2002, by crossing the Mexican border into El Paso on foot.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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